

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 27, 2017
5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of March 13, 2017)

THEODORE R. GREEN
City Council Chairman

First Ward

Christopher D. James
Amy J. Lewis

Second Ward

Jacquelyn E. Johnson
Romal D. Bullock

Third Ward

Quilla E. Talmadge
Theodore R. Green

Fourth Ward

Tyshammie L. Cooper
Casim L. Gomez

Fifth Ward

Alicia Holman
Mustafa Al-M. Brent



The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 13, 2017**

The East Orange City Council met on March 13, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:

Romal D. Bullock; Jacquelyn E. Johnson; Amy Lewis; Tyshammie L. Cooper; Casim L. Gomez; Christopher D. James; Quilla E. Talmadge; Theodore R. Green

Absent

Mustafa Al-M. Brent (Arrived @ 5:35)

Alicia Holman (Arrived @ 5:40)

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Lester E. Taylor, III, Mayor
William Senande, City Administrator/CFO
Khalifah Shabazz, Corporation Counsel
Valerie Jackson, Director
Roderick Wallace, Assistant Director
Christopher Coke, Director
Michele Ralph Rawls, Director
Phyllis Bindi, Chief
Sheliah Coley, Director
Andre Williams, Chief
LaDonna Johns, Director
Osner Charles, Director
Carolyn Ryan Reed, Director
Dwight Saundes, Director

Mayor's Office
Finance Department
Law Department
Policy, Planning and Development
Policy, Planning and Development
Public Works
Human Resources
Police Department
Public Safety
Fire Department
Health Department
Recreation
East Orange Public Library
Property Maintenance

ALSO PRESENT

LeRoy J. Jones, Chairman
Rita Butts, Manager
Annmarie Corbitt
Lt. Chris Patrick
Ibrahim Small
Kellie Drakeford LeDet
Lee Fisher
Bennie Brantley, President
Connie Jackson
Sybonae Oliphant, Court Administrator
Carol Y. Clark

Essex County Demoratic Party
East Orange Senior Services
Tax Collector
Police Department
Mayor's Office
Mayor's Office
Essex County Liaison
CWA
Public Information Office
Municipal Court
Former Essex County Freeholder

There were 17 citizens in attendance.

OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

None

COMMITTEES

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
300-FINANCE
400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION
500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
600-LAW AND LEGISLATION
700-PLANNING AND GRANTS

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

JACQUELYN E. JOHNSON-CHAIRWOMAN

Gomez, Brent, James

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| 101. | Recreation Department | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |
| 103. | Wilson A. Carter II – Commendation | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Hilda Williams White - 80th Birthday Celebration | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | Janet Curry - Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 106. | Resolution Establishing March 29 th
as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
Day” in the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

ROMAL D. BULLOCK – CHAIRMAN

James, Cooper, Gomez

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| 201. | Brick Church Mall | In Committee |
| 202. | Brick Church Urban Renewal | n Committee |
| 203. | Economic Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 204. | Board of Adjustment | In Committee |
| 205. | Community Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 206. | Sanford Evergreen Connector | In Committee |
| 207. | Resolution Authorizing the City
of East Orange to Enter into a
Site Access Agreement for 34
Berwyn Street | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution of the Council of the
City of East Orange, Designating
TD Partners, JG Petrucci and the
Community Builders, as Redeveloper
of Block 32, Lot 5, More Commonly
Known as the Execution of a Redevelopment
Agreement with the Redeveloper | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution of the City of East Orange,
in the County of Essex, New Jersey,
Authorizing the Conditional Designation
of a Redeveloper for Block 683, Lot 1
and Block 680, Lot 1 Within the Transit
Village District and Authorizing the Execution
of an Escrow Agreement in Connection Therewith | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE

QUILLA E. TALMADGE – CHAIRWOMAN

Lewis, Bullock, Holman

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| 301. | Personnel | In Committee |
| 302. | Tax Refund | In Committee |
| 303. | Labor Negotiations | In Committee |
| 304. | Tax Revaluation | In Committee |
| 305. | Tax Sale Certificate | In Committee |
| 306. | In Rem Foreclosure | In Committee |
| 307. | Payroll # – 2/16/2017 – 2/27/2017 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer CY2017 | Resolution to be presented |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |

311. Tax Appeal Refund In Committee

300 – FINANCE - Continued
QUILLA E. TALMADGE – CHAIRWOMAN
Lewis, Bullock, Holman

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| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – (03.13.17) | Resolution to be presented |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |
| 317. | Tax Lien | In Committee |
| 318. | Tax Lien Redemption | In Committee |
| 319. | Budget Insertions | In Committee |
| 320. | Status of Women | In Committee |
| 321. | Auction | In Committee |
| 322. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, In The County of Essex, New Jersey Authorizing City Officials to Undertake Certain Actions in Connection With the Issuance and Sale of \$14,861,500 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2017A and \$3,775,000 Tax Appeal Refunding Notes, 2017B | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Loan Agreements to be Executed by the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey and Each of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey, Acting by and Through the Department of Environmental Protection, and Further Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Escrow Agreement, all Pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of Not Exceeding \$12,4000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017, of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey Pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Tax Appeal Settlement - \$89,291 | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Calendar Year 2017 Budget Approved | Resolution to be presented
(sent back to Committee - 3/13/2017) |
| 327. | Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Use a Three Year Average of Prior Cash Collections for the Calculation of the CY 2017 Budget Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes" | Resolution to be presented
(sent back to Committee - 3/13/2017) |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT – CHAIRMAN
Talmadge, Lewis, Cooper

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| 401. | Child Guidance Clinic | In Committee |
| 402. | Health Department | In Committee |
| 403. | Mental Health Board | In Committee |
| 404. | East Orange General Hospital | In Committee |

405. East Orange Board of Education In Committee

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION

TYSHAMMIE L. COOPER – CHAIRWOMAN

Bullock, James, Lewis

501.	Rent Leveling	In Committee
502.	Affordable Housing Program	In Committee
503.	Housing Authority	In Committee
504.	Housing, Planning & Coordinating	In Committee
505.	Private Parking Rentals	In Committee
506.	Senior Citizens Housing	In Committee
507.	Housing Summit	In Committee

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Brent, Talmadge, Johnson

601.	Ordinances on First Reading	<u>Ordinance No. 13 of 2017</u> Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) <u>Ordinance No. 14 of 2017</u> An Ordinance Banning the Sale of Products Containing "Dextromethorphan" as an Active Ingredient to Minors
602.	Ordinances on Second and Final Reading	<u>Ordinance No. 7 of 2017</u> An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2 of 2016 (Amended by Ordinance No. 19 of 2016, No. 28 of 2016, No.40 of 2016, No. 40, No. 48 of 2016 of 2016, and No. 61 of 2016) Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange That are Members of the Engineering Supervisory Personnel Association, Inc. <u>Ordinance No. 8 of 2017</u> An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3 of 2016 (Amended by Ordinance No. 18 of 2016, No. 29 of 2016, No. 39 of 2016, No. 47of 2016, and No. 62 of 2016) An Ordinance Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange That are Members of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO <u>Ordinance No. 9 of 2017</u> An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 18 of 2013 (Amended by Ordinance No. 6 of 2015 and No. 41 of 2016) Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange
604.	Bingo/Raffles	Raffle Permit - St. Joseph's Church Motion to be presented
605.	A.B.C.	In Committee
606.	City Council Rules	In Committee
607.	Settlements	In Committee
608.	Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract	In Committee
609.	Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses	In Committee

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Brent, Talmadge, Johnson

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| 610. | Resolution appointing Brian A. Lasure (First Ward) to the East Orange Parking Authority | Resolution to be presented |
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700 – PLANNING and GRANTS

CASIM L. GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN

Johnson, Holman, Bullock

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| 701. | Community Development | In Committee |
| 702. | Safe and Clean | In Committee |
| 703. | Small Tools Library | In Committee |
| 704. | Green Acres Grant | In Committee |
| 705. | Women’s Summit | In Committee |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY

AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN

Cooper, Gomez, Talmadge

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| 801. | Police Department | In Committee |
| 803. | Fire Department | In Committee |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS

CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES – CHAIRMAN

Holman, Johnson, Brent

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| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | Under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape | In Committee |
| 903. | Resolution Authorizing a Commemorative Sign for Bishop Andre' Lemont Jackson at the corner of North Grove Street & Warrington Place | Resolution to be presented |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

**THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
2017 MEETING DATES**

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2014 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. These Meetings will be held in City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey.

**Committee Discussion
& Agenda Meeting
5:30PM**

Monday, January 9th
Monday, January 23rd

Tuesday, February 14th
Monday, February 27th

Monday, March 13th
Monday, March 27th

Monday, April 10th
Monday, April 24th

Monday, May 8th
Monday, May 22nd

Monday, June 12th
Monday, June 26th

Monday, July 10th
Monday, July 24th

Monday, August 14th
Monday, August 28th

Monday, September 11th
Monday, September 25th

Tuesday, October 10th
Monday, October 23rd

Monday, November 13th
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Monday, December 26th

**Regular Official
Meeting
6:00PM**

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**Swearing-In & City Council Reorganization Meeting
Monday, January 1, 2018
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